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SUBJECT: MALAYSIA'S STAND AT GATT MEETING

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1. GOM HAS SET UP COMMITTEE HEADED BY VICTOR DE BRUYNE, TRADE CONTROLLER AND DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL, MINISTRY TRADE AND INDUSTRY, TO FORMULATE MALAYSIAN POLICY FOR SEPT. GATT MEETING. MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY TUN (DR.) ISMAIL OR DEPUTY MINISTER, MUSA HITAM, WILL HEAD GOM DELEGATION.

2. TRADE OFFICIALS SAID THEY EXPECT " TOUGH BARGAINING" AT CONFERENCE. GOM TRADE OFFICERS SAID THAT BROADLY, MALAYSIA'S STAND ALREADY SPELLED OUT AT RECENT SANTIAGO UNCTAD SESSION WHERE DEVELOPING NATIONS JOINTLY URGED GREATER TRADE CONCESSIONS FROM RICH COUNTRIES.." WE HAVE YET TO SEE A DEFINITE PLAN COME UP AS A RESULT OF OUR APPEALS", HE SAID. HE ALSO NOTED IT IS IMPORTANT TO INSURE GSP WILL NOT BE SACRIFICED DURING MULTI- LATERAL NEGOTIATIONS FOR TRADE CONCESSIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. " WE MUST NOT ALLOW AGRICULTURAL LEVIES IMPOSED BY RICH NATIONS TO PROTECT THEM-
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SELVES FROM EXPORTS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO HIT POORER
NATIONS."

3. ANOTHER TRADE OFFICER CLAIMED GOM IN CONSTANT CONTACT
WITH ASEAN COUNTRIES AND GROUP OF 77 TO FORMULATE COMMON
STAND FOR CONFERENCE.

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